Hruso language

Hruso, also known as **Aka** (Angka), is a language of Arunachal Pradesh India. Long assumed to be a Sino-Tibetan language, it may actually be a language isolate.[3][2] It is spoken by 3,000 people in 21 villages in Thrizino Circle, West Kameng District.[3] The Hruso people inhabit areas of South East Kameng and are concentrated in the Bichom River Valley, and speak English, Hindi, and Miji in addition to Hruso.[1]

Bangru (Ləvai), spoken on the Tibetan border, might be related to Hruso, but it seems more likely that it is a dialect of Miji.[3]

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Hruso	
Angka(e), Gusso, Hrusso, Tenae	
Aka	
Native to	Arunachal Pradesh, India
Region	Southeast Kameng, Bichom River Valley
Ethnicity	Hruso
Native speakers	3,000 (2007)[1] perhaps including Levai
Language family	possibly Sino-Tibetan (Hruso), or a language isolate
	• Hrusish
	• **Hruso**
Dialects	Levai?
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	hru
Glottolog	hrus1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/hrus1242)[2]

Locations

According to the *Ethnologue*, Hruso is spoken in the following villages of Thrizino circle, West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.

- Jamiri
- Husigaon
- Gohainthan
- Buragaon
- Karangonia
- Raindogonia
- Yayom
- Gijiri
- Dijungonia
- Tulu
- Palatari
- Raghupam
- Tania
- Khuppi
- Bhalukpong
- Balipho

- Palizi

Hruso is also spoken in Pisang village, Seppa circle, East Kameng district.

Status

Ethnologue lists the language as 6b, or "threatened".

Dialects/varieties

The book *Hruso* by Robert Shafer, notes the two dialects that Hruso is divided into. The first one is known to be recorded by Campbell and the second dialect is known to be recorded by Anderson, Hesslmeyer, and Payne. Also Dialect A has some differentiation in vocabulary when compared to Dialect B. Dialect A is also known to be briefly recorded and is more archaic than dialect B which has very little recording evidence behind it.

Dialects A 1 Anderson hhu, k' k'ii "water ", Hess. xu. And. diaha (p. 9), diak'a (17) " to-morrow ". And. yo " to-day ", ya " now ". And. k'sesi " goat " (6), k's8 (18), H. kisie, P. k'esi, k'isi. Camp. gle " foot ", P. -ksi, si-, si, And. -si, H. si. 2 To chew; p. 17, to eat. 3 In na-yu "ear emerald ". 4 The consonant seems to be palatalized in this root in some languages and the vowel perhaps umlauted, both perhaps due to the following *-s. But these languages are too poorly recorded to form a basis for a conclusion.[4]

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